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Senator Dan Eastman
Senate Chair, Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel

Representative Steven R. Mascaro
House Chair, Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel

Subject: Kinship Care

Dear Chairs,

The Health and Human Services Interim Committee is interested in better understanding the barriers that prevent more frequent placement of children who are in the custody of the state for abuse or neglect with relatives. We respectfully request that the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel identify those issues and report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee at or before its November interim meeting on any actions the state could take to make kinship care more practical and commonplace.

Sincerely,

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Senator D. Chris Butters
Senate Chair
Health and Human Services Interim Committee

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Representative Paul Ray
House Chair
Health and Human Services Interim Committee